

United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BACK BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 4005 Sandpiper Road Virginia Beach, VA 23456-4325

Dear Hunter:

Enclosed is the information you requested for the 2005 Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge Deer and Hog Hunt.

- 1. The season dates are October 1,3,4,5 and October 20,21,22.
- 2. The hunt is a shotgun hunt; however, archery hunting is also permitted.
- 3. There will be a \$5.00 non-refundable application fee to participate in the computer lottery. This fee is required for both single and paired applications. Please send \$5.00 per person with each application. It is necessary to offset the increasing administrative costs of conducting the lottery and hunt (salaries, signs, fuel, mailings, etc.) All hunters, both selected and on standby, will also continue to be charged the \$10.00 daily user fee --payable on the hunt day at the check-in station. All non-ambulatory hunters and holders of a Golden Access or Golden Age Passport shall receive a 50% discount on the user fee (\$5.00); however, they must still pay the \$5.00 application fee to participate in the lottery.
- 4. All hunters must <u>bring with them</u> and wear **at least** 400 square inches of a solid-colored, **hunter blaze orange** (equivalent to a vest and baseball cap).
- 5. One special non-ambulatory hunting zone is available this year (Zone 5). Consult the attached "Lottery Information Sheet" for more details. Non-ambulatory applicants must indicate the type of hunting technique to be used, and special equipment required to accommodate their hunt.

Please review all of the attached additional information. If you have any questions, please contact the Refuge headquarters at (757) 721-2412. Thank you for your interest in hunting at Back Bay NWR.

Sincerely,

Jared Brandwein Refuge Manager